

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on April 5, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

**Members Absent:** None

##### **Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary

Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch

Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 647, 4/3/2017; HB 650, 4/3/2017; HB 648, 4/3/2017;  
HB 642, 4/3/2017; HB 638, 4/3/2017; HB 639, 4/3/2017

Executive Action: HB 647 Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 642 Be Concurred In  
As Amended

**HEARING ON HB 647**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:23 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 647, Generally revise education funding, implement general appropriations bill.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:55 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

00:02:21 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:02:47 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:47 Rep. Jones

**HEARING ON HB 650**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:36 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 650, Implement the provisions of the general appropriations bill Section D.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:32 Mike Milburn, chief of staff, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:09:15 Mark Bretz, Bretz RV and Marine

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:10:32 Sen. Carlie Boland, SD 12

00:13:27 Sen. Brian Hoven, SD 13

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00:21:05 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

00:22:32 Rep. Bradley Hamlett, HD 23

00:23:39 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

00:24:42 Paul Cory, director, Great Falls Prerelease Center

00:27:24 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

00:32:05 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

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00:33:56 Alan Scanlon, director, Great Falls Prerelease Center

00:36:58 Chris Hickman, program manager of aftercare, Great Falls Prerelease Center (GFPC)

00:43:19 Jim Ahrens, Great Falls Prerelease Center

00:43:59 Shawn Hertel, Delta Squad 1999

00:45:52 Sen. Gauthier joined the meeting.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:47:08 Loraine Wodnik, interim director, Department of Corrections (COR)

00:49:28 Sen. Whitford

00:49:38 Ms. Wodnik, COR

00:52:05 Chair Jones

**Proponents Testimony:**

00:52:33 Ms. Wodnik

**Informational Testimony:**

00:56:58 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation

00:57:22 Beth McLaughlin, court administrator, Supreme Court

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:57:43 Sen. Moore

00:58:08 Ms. Siaperas, MACo

00:59:00 Sen. Moore

00:59:03 Ms. Siaperas

00:59:15 Sen. Moore

00:59:41 Rep. Brodehl

01:00:51 Sen. Wolken

01:01:46 Ms. Wodnik

01:03:40 Sen. Wolken

01:04:17 Ms. Wodnik

01:06:01 Sen. Keenan

01:06:19 Ms. Wodnik

01:07:36 Sen. Keenan

01:07:48 Mr. Hickman, GFPC

01:08:09 Sen. Keenan

01:08:17 Mr. Hickman

01:08:35 Sen. Keenan

01:09:19 Sen. Hoven

01:10:21 Sen. Keenan

01:10:29 Sen. Hoven

01:11:01 Sen. Whitford

01:11:30 Rep. Brodehl

01:11:48 Sen. Whitford  
01:12:46 Rep. Brodehl  
01:13:47 Sen. Whitford  
01:14:11 Ms. Wodnik  
01:14:38 Sen. Whitford  
01:15:01 Ms. Wodnik  
01:16:12 Sen. Whitford  
01:17:09 Rep. Brodehl  
01:19:39 Sen. Whitford  
01:20:14 Rep. Brodehl  
01:20:36 Mr. Milburn, DOJ  
01:21:21 Sen. Whitford  
01:21:36 Mr. Milburn  
01:23:27 Sen. Whitford  
01:23:59 Mr. Milburn  
01:24:26 Sen. Whitford  
01:24:27 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:24:40 Sen. Whitford  
01:24:46 Mr. Milburn  
01:25:27 Sen. Whitford  
01:25:40 Sen. Howard  
01:25:59 Mr. Hickman  
01:28:09 Sen. Howard  
01:28:44 Mr. Hickman  
01:28:54 Sen. Phillips  
01:29:54 Rep. Brodehl  
01:31:24 Sen. Phillips  
01:31:45 Rep. Brodehl  
01:32:11 Sen. Phillips  
01:32:27 Sen. McNally  
01:33:30 Ms. Wodnik  
01:36:40 Sen. McNally  
01:36:57 Ms. Wodnik  
01:38:24 Sen. McNally  
01:38:43 Sen. Whitford  
01:39:43 Rep. Brodehl  
01:43:19 Sen. Whitford  
01:44:43 Rep. Brodehl  
01:45:09 Chair Jones  
01:45:32 Rep. Brodehl  
01:46:44 Chair Jones  
01:47:09 Rep. Brodehl

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:47:54 Rep. Brodehl

**HEARING ON HB 648**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:49:44 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 648, Authorize transfers and clarify natural resources funding (Sec. C).

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:51:42 Sen. Moore  
01:52:29 Rep. Glimm  
01:52:37 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division  
01:52:51 Sen. Sesso  
01:53:51 Rep. Glimm  
01:53:56 Sen. Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:54:05 Rep. Glimm

**HEARING ON HB 642**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:56:09 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 642, Implement the provisions of the general appropriations bill Sec. A.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:56:59 Sen. Moore  
01:57:18 Rep. Tschida  
01:57:29 Chair Jones  
01:57:37 Rep. Tschida  
01:57:54 Sen. Keenan  
01:58:09 Rep. Tschida  
01:58:17 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:58:33 Rep. Tschida

**HEARING ON HB 638**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:59:06 Rep. Jon Knokey (R), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 638, Fund direct care worker wage increases in developmental disability services.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:06:25 Rob Tallon, executive director, Reach Incorporated  
02:08:47 Fran Sadowski, Missoula Developmental Services Corporation  
02:10:44 Jean Morgan, West Mont  
02:11:27 Katie Gallagher, Helena Industries  
02:12:44 Eve Franklin, Montana Association of Community Disability Services  
02:14:09 Lynn Morley, Quality Life Concepts  
02:15:37 Kerry Dattilo, Quality Life Concepts, and representing Ken Brown, Opportunity Resources, Inc.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:18:34 Mary Dalton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:19:16 Sen. Olszewski  
02:20:06 Ms. Dalton, DPHHS  
02:20:32 Sen. Olszewski  
02:21:09 Rep. Knokey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:22:34 Rep. Knokey

**HEARING ON HB 639**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:27:18 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 639, Revising funding for health care services.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:28:29 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association  
02:29:38 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:30:53 Sen. Olszewski  
02:31:48 Rep. Cook  
02:32:09 Sen. Olszewski  
02:32:35 Rep. Cook  
02:32:50 Sen. Sesso  
02:33:20 Rep. Cook  
02:33:39 Sen. Olszewski

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:35:10 Rep. Cook  
  
02:36:25 Recess  
02:57:33 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 647**

02:57:40 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 647 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:57:42 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 647 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs71a04)**

**Discussion:**

02:57:58 Chair Jones  
**EXHIBIT(fcs71a05)**  
  
02:59:09 Sen. Whitford  
03:00:30 Chair Jones  
03:01:33 Sen. Whitford  
03:01:41 Chair Jones  
03:01:52 Sen. Keenan  
03:02:11 Chair Jones  
03:03:07 Sen. Keenan  
03:03:13 Chair Jones  
03:03:21 Sen. Sesso  
03:04:40 Chair Jones  
03:05:55 Sen. Sesso  
03:06:22 Chair Jones  
03:06:43 Sen. Olszewski

03:07:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

03:07:25      **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 647 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

03:07:44      Sen. Whitford

03:08:19      Chair Jones

03:08:23      Sen. Whitford

03:08:42      Chair Jones

03:10:34      Sen. Whitford

03:11:57      Chair Jones

03:12:01      Sen. Keenan

03:12:20      Chair Jones

03:12:27      **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy. Sen. Jones will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 642**

03:13:00      **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 642 BE CONCURRED IN.**

03:13:10      **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 642 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(fcs71a06)

**Discussion:**

03:13:22      Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

03:13:48      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

03:13:55      **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 642 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy. Sen. Moore will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

03:14:16      Chair Jones

03:15:21      Sen. Howard

03:15:43      Chair Jones

03:16:24      Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division



**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:19 AM

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT**([fcs71aad.pdf](#))